

Kettering Town Council

MINUTES OF THE TOWN MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
BOWLING GREEN ROAD, KETTERING AT 7PM ON THURSDAY 4TH AUGUST
2022

Attendees :

The Mayor, Cllr Keli Watts (Chair) and Councillors Lloyd Bunday, Dez Dell,
Alexander Evelyn, Emily Fedorowycz, James Towns, and Bev Wright,

NNC Cllr Kevin Thurland

Anne Albrecht and Denise Waghorn Kettering Kosmos WI
George Potter, Chris Clarke, Pam Aston and Mandy Aston, Kettering and District
Lions Club
Bill Parker, Norman Bristow and Edward Lamb, Kettering Huxloe Rotary Club
Penny Moseley Eileen Smith, Soroptomists International
Jaswinder Mann, Sohan Singh Garcha, Kettering Sikh Gurdwara
Michelle Shaw Kettering Women's Centre
Kirsty Woods, Kettering MIND
Nikki Farrar-Hayton, Homestart
Rev Tom Houston Kettering Arts Centre
Monica Ozdemir, Bobbie Chase and Richard Barnwell, Civic Society
Greg Titcombe, Twinning Association
Sylvia Mclevy, Kettering Community Unit
Helen Burdett-Wright, Teamwork Trust
Mrs Lesley Thurland

Martin Hammond, Town Clerk, and Emma Dezelu, Deputy Town Clerk

Item No	Item Description
1	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Cllrs Carolyn Carter, Robin Carter, Maggie Don, Keiron Farrow, Anup Pandey, Daniel Perrett, Craig Skinner, Sarah Tubbs and Martyn York</p> <p>Jane Calcutt, Neighbourhood Watch Jo Moore, Accommodation Concern Kevin Thurland, Headlands Neighbourhood Forum</p>
2	<p>Welcome from the Mayor</p> <p>The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting, explained its purpose as a forum for sharing what activities were underway in</p>

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	<p>Kettering and in identifying how groups could support each other and exchange ideas.</p>
3	<p>Presentation on the Town Council's first year</p> <p>Martin Hammond made a short presentation on the Council's priorities, and its spending plans and activities which impacted most on the work of the voluntary and community sector</p>
4	<p>Presentations by invited Community Groups</p> <p>The following clubs and organisations made a presentation each on their activities within the community and explained the challenges they faced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Kettering and District Lionsb) Soroptomists International -Ketteringc) Kettering Huxloe Rotary Clubd) Kettering Kosmos Womens Institutee) Kettering Sikh Gurdwara <p>The attached table summarises the activities of each group and provides a contact list for future use.</p>
5	<p>Presentations by Local voluntary organisations</p> <p>The following groups then made presentations on their activities and took questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Kettering Women's Centreb) Kettering MINDc) Homestartd) Kettering Arts Centre.e) Kettering Civic Societyf) Kettering Twining Association <p>Some information exchange about social and medical support and social prescribing took place.</p> <p>The attached table also summarises the work of these organisations, plus Accommodation Concern and the KVN.</p>
6	<p>General discussion</p> <p>A common theme was the shortage of younger volunteers to continue and expand the work of the various organisations. At the same time, Homestart reported they had plenty of volunteers, so perhaps some learning was possible from their experience. The</p>

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	<p>early career advantage to young people who could show voluntary activity on their CV was noted, and it was felt that getting some messages across to sixth formers/students at Tresham would be helpful. The clerk would raise this with the Kettering Volunteer Network (KVN). The Lions Club had also developed incentives for volunteering for 14-18 yr. olds in the past.</p> <p>Attendees endorsed the work of the KVN in its ability to pull together the wider sector and keep them informed and urged others to engage with it.</p> <p>The wide variety of activities and the overlap and co-benefits between the work of some groups were noted, as a platform for doing more work together in future.</p> <p>Ideas for a regular meeting venue for the WI were offered and the availability of plants via Rotary Club was also highlighted.</p> <p>It was agreed that a summary of the discussion in the form of a contact list would be circulated to all invitees and attendees at the meeting, to support continued networking.</p>
7	<p>The Mayor thanked everyone for coming along, and for the valuable work they all did in the community and the meeting closed at 8.30pm.</p>

Signed
Date

(chair)

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